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INFO AMEMBASSY LISBON IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT

SUBJECT: PORTUGAL

FOR SARROS (AMBASSADOR LODGE'S OFFICE) FROM SISCO

1. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE A CONTINUING EXCHANGE WITH VATICAN ON THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL. I WANT YOU THEREFORE TO SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY OF STATE CASSAROLI FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, PUTTING YOUR OWN OBSERVATIONS IN CONTEXT OF SECRETARY'S COMMENTS ON PORTUGAL I IN BIRMINGHAM SPEECH OF AUGUST 14. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED THAT YOU BRING HIS COMMENTS TO CASSAROLI'S ATTENTION, NOTING THAT THESE ACCURATELY REFLECT OUR GROWING CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL.

2. YOU SHOULD GO ON TO ASK FOR VATICAN'S CURRENT PERCEPTION OF PORTUGAL AND ASK CASSAROLI WHAT ROLE CHURCH BELIEVES IT CAN PLAY IN CONTRIBUTING TO MORE HOPEFUL EVOLUTION THERE. FOR OUR PART, AS SECRETARY IN-

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DICATED IN HIS SPEECH AND AS WE HAVE INDICATED PRIVATELY

TO GOP, WE ARE NOT HOSTILE TO PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION IN  
TERMS OF ITS ORIGINALLY EXPRESSED OBJECTIVES. WE INTEND  
TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THOSE ELEMENTS

IN PORTUGAL WHO CAN LEGITIMATELY SPEAK FOR MODERATE  
POLITICAL FORCES.

3. DEPENDING ON NATURE OF CASSAROLI'S RESPONSE, WE  
MAY WANT TO FOLLOW THIS UP WITH MORE SPECIFIC TALKING  
POINTS FOR SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE  
EXCHANGE WITH POPE WHEN AMBASSADOR LODGE RETURNS TO  
ROME. MAW

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